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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PATRIOTIC FRONT ATTITUDE TOWARD ALL-
PARTIES MEETING

1. APRIL 11 MAPUTO RADIO BROADCAST REPORTING COMMENTS BY
ROBERT MUGABE INDICATES MUGABE HAS IN FACT MADE NO REAL
COMMITMENT TO ALL-PARTIES MEETING, FRONTLINE ASSURANCES
TO THE CONTRARY. DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT MUGABE'S RE-
MARKS FOR MOZAMBIQUE DOMESTIC RADIO AUDIENCE WOULD BE
GEARED TO ZANU GUERRILLAS, AS WELL AS MOZAMBIQUANS, AND
CONSEQUENTLY WOULD HAVE HARDLINE FLAVOR WHICH COULD GO
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BEYOND HIS REAL INTENTIONS. HOWEVER, ANY NEGATIVE STATE-
MENT HE MAKES IN PUBLIC FORUM IS GROUNDS FOR CONCERN,
WHICH WE BELIEVE ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD CONVEY TO HOST
GOVERNMENT AT LEVEL YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. YOU CAN DRAW
ON TEXT OF FBIS ACCOUNT OF MAPUTO BROADCAST.

2. BEGIN TEXT ROBERT MUGABE, COLEADER OF THE PATRIOTIC

FRONT OF ZIMBAVWE, HAS REJECTED THE U.S. AND BRITISH IDEA OF HOLDING A MEETING BETWEEN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE ILLEGAL RHODESIAN REGIME AND ITS PUPPETS WHO HAVE SIGNED THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. MUGABE SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE DUE TO BE HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM ON 15 APRIL, WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES,

WILL ONLY COUNT WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE ADDED THAT IT SHOULD BE A CONTINUATION OF THE MALTA TALKS. THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADER ARRIVED IN MAPUTO ON SUNDAY. MUGABE STRESSED THAT THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD DISCUSS THE MECHANISM OF THE TRANSITIONAL PHASE IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN; THAT IS, THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF IT. QUESTIONED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE DAR ES SALAAM CONFERENCE BRINGING ABOUT A CEASEFIRE IN ZIMBABWE, ROBERT MUGABE SAID THAT THE END OF WAR CAN BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION ONLY AFTER THE COLONIAL POWER, BRITAIN, AGREES TO THE TOTAL TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE THROUGH THEIR TRUE REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZES THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ARMY AS THE ONLY FORCE IN AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. END TEXT. VANCE

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